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Early week prices in Chicago were higher, in Boston prices were unchanged to higher and elsewhere prices were unchanged. During the week, in New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia prices were higher on larger sizes with mediums unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were generally unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets ranged fair to very good, best where promotional activity generated the best movement. Supplies were adequate to instances close on all sizes. Nest run breaking stock prices were all higher. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings tight to adequate for current needs. Breakers were assessing current needs and closely watching the market for further developments. Most breakers paying the high side of the quoted range for additional product. Floor stocks mostly tight to closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Spent hen availability was ample for processing needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	91-98	83-90	61-65
New York	68-70	65-68	52-55
Philadelphia	56.5-68	54.5-66	48.5-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	45-46
Jackson (1)	62-63	59-60	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-71	55-69	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	41-46
Detroit (2)	47-50	46-49	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	48-53	47-51	38-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	49-56	41-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	67-69	62-64	56-58
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	89	83	74

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 2-Jun-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	59.24	56.86	50.74
SOUTHERN	53.59	51.24	44.99
MIDWEST	45.34	44.14	39.23
WESTERN	83.33	76.96	61.93
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.26	60.70	51.55

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	06-06-00	05-30-00	06-08-99
Large	30-32	23-25	31-33
Medium	23-25	20-22	11-13

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM June 5, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	11.2	6.4	8.2	7.1
	Change	0.1	-0.2	0.7	-1.0	-0.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.3	30.6	8.9	20.8	17.6
	Change	1.6	0.2	0.9	-9.1	1.2
Large	Curr Wk	26.5	57.0	41.2	68.0	70.0
	Change	-4.9	-6.6	-2.6	0.8	-6.2
Medium	Curr Wk	8.7	31.0	19.5	28.2	29.8
	Change	-1.5	4.0	-2.3	9.3	5.0
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	5.6	3.0	6.7	6.3
	Change	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.5	2.4
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	20.3	5.6	10.1	5.3
	Change	-0.3	0.5	-1.1	-0.6	-1.6
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.8	52.6	16.9	26.0	47.8
	Change	-0.3	2.7	0.5	-7.1	-3.9
Total	Curr Wk	91.9	208.3	101.5	168.0	183.9
Percent	Change	-6%	0%	-4%	-4%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	753.6	-3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	454.2	3%	39
Total Shell Egg	1207.8	0%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-JUN-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,119,996	24,318	11,545	6,270	2,670	3,627
PW	1,221,935	27,048	12,807	6,637	2,935	3,869
LY	1,024,721	23,909	10,035	5,332	2,212	3,184
% PW	-8	-10	-10	-6	-9	-6
% LY	9	2	15	18	21	14
2000	25,387,193	574,167	254,492	137,975	64,237	83,853
1999	23,418,853	536,264	229,730	126,489	56,901	73,399

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
40.86	41.21	41.44	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 03-JUN-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	228.6	4	-22
E.N. CENTRAL	483.3	-2	250
W.N. CENTRAL	255.0	-2	14
S. ATLANTIC	180.0	1	-3
S. CENTRAL	71.2	-2	10
WEST	185.6	3	-5
TOTAL	1,403.7	0	77
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	MAY 27	JUN 03	MAY 27	JUN 03
	Thousand			
AL	28,896	29,161	21,198	21,808
AR	*30,559	30,846	*23,389	24,562
DE	4,421	4,362	*4,508	4,833
FL	2,877	2,894	2,263	2,673
GA	*31,994	32,115	*24,817	26,178
MD	8,396	8,756	*6,358	5,936
MS	18,930	18,710	15,490	15,681
NC	18,324	18,491	14,523	14,628
PA	*3,669	3,763	*2,722	2,792
SC	4,927	4,899	3,962	3,742
TX	14,212	14,451	*11,935	11,587
VA	6,585	6,756	5,537	5,525
CA, TN, & WV	*11,664	11,332	*11,306	10,042
15 State Total	*185,454	186,536	*148,008	149,987
Previous Year	184,615	183,766	146,474	147,860
Pct. of Prev.	100	102	101	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-JUL-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 137.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.39 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 06/01/00-06/07/00

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.50	47.60	38.00	39.94	42.25	—	55.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	33.25	38.50	12.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.25	33.50	2.50
GNR W 4	—	—	27.00	28.50	27.00	28.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	47.79	42.33	—	15.00
GL W LG	42.67	50.05	42.38	44.13	46.00	—	21.50
GL W MD	28.50	30.50	36.50	38.00	28.71	30.00	13.25
GL W SM	—	29.50	28.25	29.50	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	39.00	32.00	—	28.70	30.20	11.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 03-JUN-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.4	16.1	33	-18
BOSTON	4.2	4.2	0	-11
CHICAGO	49.4	41.5	19	-19
DETROIT	33.7	25.4	33	15
KANSAS CITY	3.3	3.5	-6	-21
LOS ANGELES	97.1	95.8	1	20
NEW ORLEANS	10.3	11.4	-10	-10
NEW YORK	42.5	42.6	0	26
ST. LOUIS	12.5	12.5	0	14
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.2	5	6
TOTAL	296.6	274.2	8	5
4 WK MVG AVG	280.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 28-MAY-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,141	3	14	5,158
AVG WT	25.85	28.00	25.43	25.86
LAST WEEK	3,837	8	55	3,900
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,580	13	38	4,631
AVG WT	25.06	26.46	26.00	25.07
TO-DATE/2000	96,738	328	782	97,848
TO-DATE/1999	99,087	322	656	100,065

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 27,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-MAY-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND HEAD—			
N EAST	1,143	234	21.86	NONE	NONE	1,143	21.86
S ATL	676	4	30.44	(A)	(A)	681	30.43
N CENT	2,367	6	29.14	(A)	(A)	2,376	29.12
S CENT	719	70	17.74	NONE	NONE	719	17.74
WEST	239	19	24.04	NONE	NONE	239	24.04
U.S.TOTAL	5,144(B)	2	25.86	0	14	5,158	25.86
TO DATE							
2000	96,947(B)			119	782	97,848	
TO DATE							
1999	99,382 (B)			27	656	100,065	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 3,000 for the year 328,000; last year to date 322,000.

****NOTE: Effective June 15, Slaughter of Young Turkeys will be reported as Young Hens and Young Toms. This will include separate data on the number of birds slaughtered and average live weights with comparisons to last week and the same week a year ago. In addition, turkey slaughter data will be reported one week earlier.****

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-June-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	143,535(A)	1,393	1,277	2,670	481
AVG WT	5.03	3.37	8.12	5.64	6.71
LAST WEEK	158,730	2,077	1,553	3,630	456
YR AGO	141,773	1,790	1,196	2,986	395
AVG WT	5.06	3.38	7.84	5.17	6.64
TO-DATE/2000	3,380,007	44,117	30,361	74,478	9,921
TO-DATE/1999	3,312,294	48,216	29,454	77,670	9,828

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.3 million head or 11.1 million head less than or 93 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jun-00

	CURRENT WEEK 06/10/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/03/00
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	161,100(2)	144,701
LT HENS	1,960	1,569
HVY HENS	1,608	1,382
TOTAL	164,668	147,652

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jun-00 is 157.3 million head compared to 153.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Jun-00 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
MAY 6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
20	160.8	157.2	102	5.08
27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
JUNE 3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
YEAR TO DATE	3421.2	3357.7	102	
JUNE 10		157.3		
17		158.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
5-Jun-00	29-May-00	29-May-00	7-Jun-99
56.13	-0.20	56.33	60.74

NUMBER OF LOADS 610

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 06/05/00-06/10/00.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ WTD AVG	LDS WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	45.00-49.00	48.48	48
Los Angeles	64.00	63.28	56
New York	53.00-56.00	53.14	28
		51.17	79
		60.81	131
		52.93	55

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	69	69.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	70	70.00	600

16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	65-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-66	65	65.00	40
WESTERN REGION	65-66	66	66.00	800

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 5-Jun-00	3,010	143,376	90,078
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	-181	15972	-105
PCT CHG	-6	13	0

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	7	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.03 PCT
TURKS	453	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT
POP	849	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
06/05/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	5.75-14.5(1)	5.75-8.25	8.54
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	5-14(1)	8-10	8.98
06/02/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	0(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

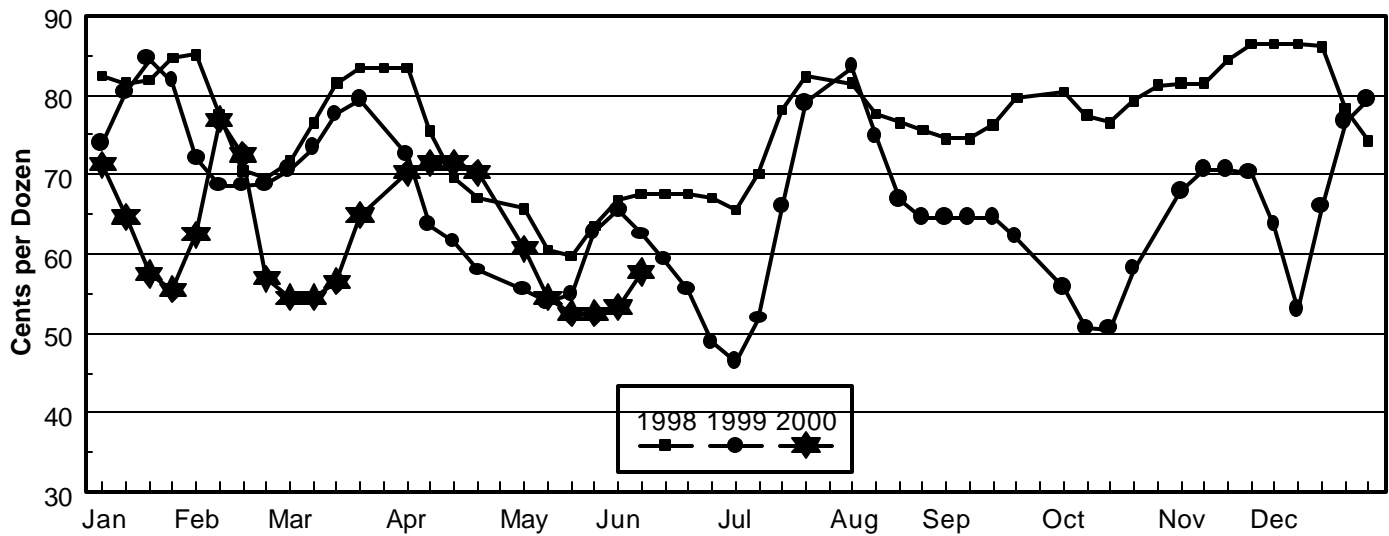
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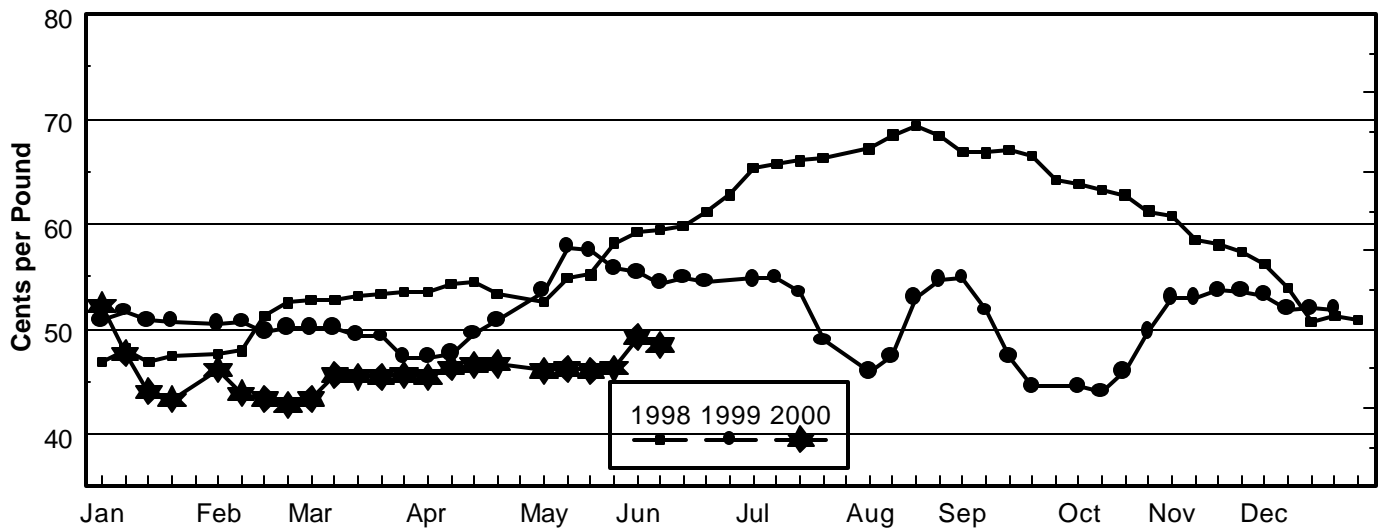
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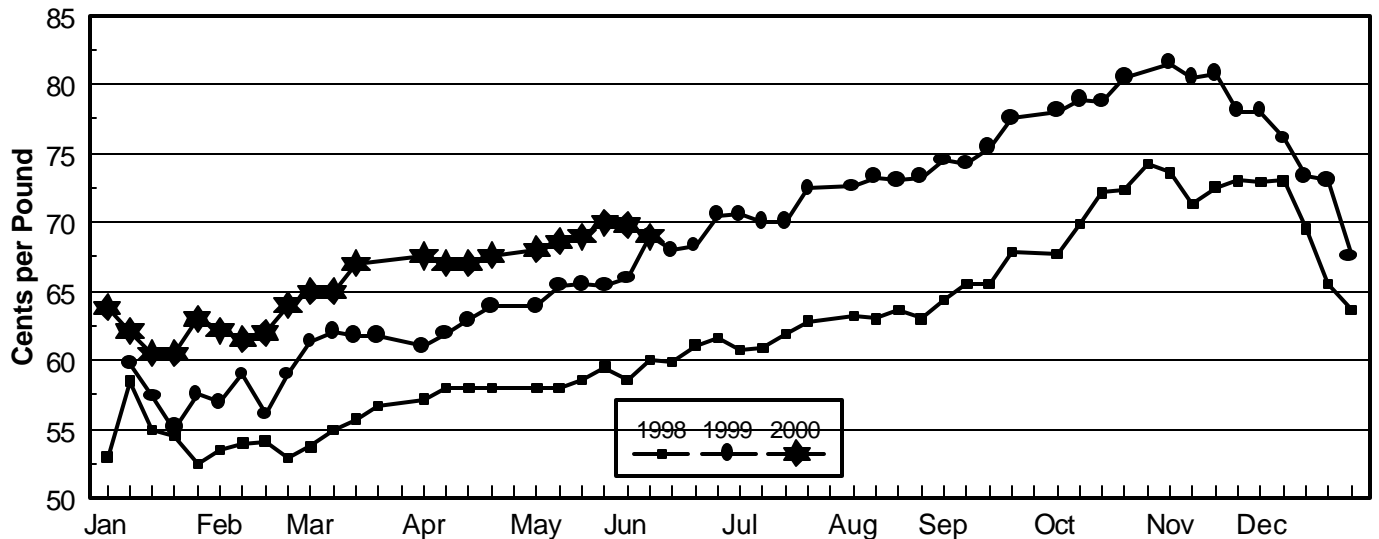
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.